

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Monday, April 10, 2006**

**U.S. Commerce Secretary Gutierrez, Trade  
Representative Portman and Agriculture Secretary  
Johanns to Host Chinese Delegation at Annual  
Meeting of the U.S. - China Joint Commission on  
Commerce and Trade**

**Washington, D.C.** - U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez, U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns will host the annual Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT), a high-level meeting to discuss U.S.-China trade issues, Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at the Commerce Department. Vice Premier Wu Yi will lead the Chinese delegation for this year's JCCT.

Among the issues to be discussed include: market access for U.S. agriculture products and service providers, enforcement of intellectual property rights in China, industrial policies in China that disadvantage U.S. exports, improving regulatory transparency in China, and ensuring that U.S. companies are able to export, distribute and sell their products in China.

The JCCT is an annual government-to-government platform designed to develop and facilitate the U.S.-China commercial relationship. The U.S. uses the JCCT as a forum to identify and resolve problems and to expand trade opportunities.

**Tuesday, April 11**

**4:00 pm Press Conference with Secretary Gutierrez,  
Ambassador Portman, Secretary Johanns and  
Vice Premier Wu Yi**

Location: U.S. Department of Commerce  
14th and Constitution Ave., NW  
Aquarium Entrance  
OPEN PRESS  
PRESS CHECK-IN: 3:30 p.m.

**5:00 pm Signing Ceremony with Boeing, Motorola and Chinese  
business officials**

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